Industrial Tribunals all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The 34th session of the Labour Ministers' Conference held in September, 1983 suggested that twice the number of present Industrial Tribunal|Labour Courts would be required all over the country. The suggestions/recommendations of the Conference were communicated to the States|Union Territories for necessary follow-up action. The State Governments|Union Territory Administrations set up Industrial Tribunals|Labour Courts under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act for the State sphere on the basis of the requirements of a particular State or Union Territory. Information in respect of additional Tribunals|Courts set up in the States|Union Territories is not maintained. They have been addressed from time to time to review the position of cases and wherever necessary set up additional Labour Courts|Tribunals. A number of steps have been taken to expedite disposal of cases. These include fixation of time limits for disposal of cases/applications under sections 10, 33(5) and 33-C(2) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, norms for disposal of cases and establishment of additional Courts|Tribunals.

Imposition of Taxes on Haj pilgrims by the Saudi Arabian Government

*406. SHRI M. KADHARSHA. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the All India Haj Committee Convenor has alleged that the Saudi Arabian Government was fleecing the pilgrims by way of Ziarat, landing taxes and exorbitant guide charges;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Saudi Arabia; and

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government has seen press reports to this effect. No details have been receivd.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

*407. [*Transferred to the 24th August*, 1987].

Embracing of Islam by Indian Nationals in Arab Countries

*408. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian nationals have applied to Indian Diplomatic Missions in Saudi Arbia, Kuwait, UAE, Muscat, Baharain, Iran, Iraq and Libya separately during each of the last three years and so far during the current year for effecting changes in their names in the passports as a result of their embracing Islam from Hinduism and Christianity;

(b) how many out of them are women and childern; and

(c) whether any of these countries gives monetary or other incentives/benefits to people who embrace Islam and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (c) The required information is being collected from the concerned Indian Missions/Posts abroad and it will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.